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The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
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I am a member of FCE which is the
National Association for Family and Community
Education. We have been working very hard
to improve television programs for children.
My family is grown, but I am still actively
involved with children and youth
are involved in church and community.

I strongly urge you to strengthen
the guidelines for enforcement of the Children's
Television Act of 1990 and to see that more
educational and informational programs
for children are made available to them
— not at 5:30-6:00 A.M. Also, programs need
to be targeted for several age levels.

There have been a few excellent programs
developed, but we American citizens — as
well as children — do not need a steady
diet of violence and disrespect.

Sincerely,

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Dear Sir:

The power of television is mind-boggling! If it can be used to educate, and present more positive, uplifting programs, I think it will strengthen morale and offer more hope to our young people. Please get programs like The Simpsons off the air and more like Discovery on the air. We should have more educational programs of that level, and also they should be shown at prime time instead of very early or very late in the evening.

Please strengthen the guidelines for enforcement of the Children's Television Act of 1990 to provide more educational and informative programs for children, especially some that would emphasize reading and even present commercials for staying in school.

Help strengthen our children's minds. They are our leaders of tomorrow.

Thank you for your efforts.



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The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
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Dear Mr. Hundt:

I am writing to you to urge that the Federal Communications Commission work to strengthen guidelines for the enforcement of the Children's Television Act of 1990 and to provide more educational and informational programs for children. Today's children are the country's future; therefore special consideration is needed. The FCC must stand up for them and come up with guidelines for a clear definition of educational programs.

Illiteracy, drop-outs, and lack of funding are serious problems in our schools today. The appropriate use of TV programming would be an excellent way to help to improve this situation. There is a great potential for the educational use of TV. A program lasting one hour a day, targeted at the appropriate age level and shown at a time when children are most likely to be watching, would be a reasonable start. When children's TV programs are developed, their educational needs should take top priority. Children's TV should not be considered as a sales medium designed to sell products.

As a mother of three young children, I am very concerned and ask for your help.

Sincerely,

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Dear Sir;

Our goal is to strengthen The Children's
Vision Act of 1990 to provide more high quality
educational and informational programs for
children.

Television is the most powerful tool ever,
for instilling knowledge, good or bad, into
the minds of our children.

There is a grain of fact in the old adage,
"you can't teach an old dog new tricks".

Let us not teach the undesirable to begin
with. Obscenity, hatred and violence
have no place in children's programs.

'Wham-- Bang-- Shoot Em Up-- now you
stand on your head-- now you go into a
tail spin', is not the natural motion of
learning and probably not good for one's
emotional well being.

One of the greatest needs of the world is for
all people everywhere to know and understand
each other, each other's culture and religion
and to be tolerant and accepting, with world
peace as our goal.

From what has been implanted into their
minds, our children will be forming the
policy that you and I will live by when
we are in the rocking chair.

yours truly,
Mamie Grizzle

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TO: Sen. Reed Hunt

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Dear Sen. Hunt:

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Every day in every community we hear, read, and see violence and other problems facing our nation today. There are many reasons why there are these problems. Just as there are many reasons, there are many keys to solving these problems.

Television could be one of the keys, if it were utilized. There could be so much education given to all if television were used. Nearly every home and school has a television set.

Television programs contain a lot of negativeness. There may be a time and place for such programs--whether they are real life or fiction--but children's programming is not the time nor the place.

The FCC has a wonderful opportunity to set out some definite guidelines concerning children's programming. There should be many hours of new educational programming every year. There should be a cap on the number of minutes of advertising and that advertising should not be misleading to the children watching it. Stations need to air children's programming at a time when the children watch television. These guidelines need to be enforced. There should not be just a slap on the hand.

It is up to us as adults to see that our children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and our neighbor's children get the most from their lives. We need to leave this place better than when we got it. Television is a way of life and we can use it to make that life so much better than it is now.

I urge you and your committee to use this opportunity to stand up for our children, our future.

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Chm. Reed Hundt, FCC
1919 M Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20544

Chairman:

I recently read an article that said "The Jetson's" and other similar shows satisfy the network requirements for educational programming. These shows are not educational, and I strongly oppose their use to fulfill such requirements.

The other day, I watched "Beakman's World" with 2 of my sons, and was very impressed. I hope that you will lead the FCC to require more shows of this caliber from the networks. Better shows should be required to satisfy the educational requirements.

Thanks for allowing my input - I hope you can make a difference!!!


Cathy Wallace, CPA
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Dear sir

I'm writing to let you know of my
concern for the type of television shows
and the language that is used on
our local cable and regular television
programs.

Why is a show like Mr. Wizard shown
at 4:00 or 4:30 P.M. on Discovery
Channel when no children would be
viewing it? It is an outstanding
science show for children.

T.V. viewing has a tremendous
potential for the educational use. I've
used it in the classroom for many years.
But it is only as useful as the programs
it schedules and daytime and evening
programs do not usually fit this category.

I will boycott the products that are
paying for programs that are unfit for
youth and children to view.

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Gibson, Ne.
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Dear Judge Sundt,

I am writing in regard to the Children's Television Act of 1990.

A member of the F.C.C., I have been supporting their actions to improve television programming for children.

Today's children need special consideration. It is my feeling that much can be done to improve the quality of Children's T.V. shows.

My husband and I have four adult children, who no longer live at home. However we are grand-parents to five wonderful grandchildren. It is our desire for them to see wholesome and worthwhile television when it is viewed in their homes.

We trust the Federal Communications Commission will do their utmost and stand up for decent children's television programs.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Allene Hahn
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P O Box 334
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Honorable Reed Hundt
Federal Communication Commission
1919 M. Street NW Rm. 814
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Honorable Reed, Hundt,

As a member of Family and Community Education for 54 years in Arizona and Michigan, and also as a retired teacher, I have been concerned with the TV programs that have been available for the children of our country in both states.

PBS has done a commendable job of providing us with programs to hone the skills of the youth. They present history, geography, language skills, art, social and mathematical skills.

We commend you on the work you have done in the past, and now urge you as a commission to provide clearer guidelines on what is considered "education" and feel the need to comment that the programs good for children should be at a time when the youth of our country, our future citizens, are available as an audience and not too early in the morning or after they should be in bed.

Yours sincerely,

Marian Spencer

Marian Spencer, president
Tombstone FCE

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The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
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1999 M Street NW RM 814
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Dear Sir:

It is my opportunity and privilege to join the members of the National Family and Community Education from the State of Arizona--AZFCE--in our letter writing to you and the Commission.

Our volunteer organizations from many states have, as one of our projects, to work toward improving TV programs for children. We watch TV with children, and try to help them learn critical methods of noticing whether a program is worthwhile, truthful. and, yes, moral.

We deplore violence, especially gratuitous uproars. We also deplore the use of so-called "entertainment" programs, which entice children to want various items displayed or advertised. Even adults cannot resist these onslaughts, and we may feel depressed that we can't have all those goodies.

We ask that the Commission stand up for children, and help set guidelines. We will stand up for you, and will be hoping for success in our efforts with children and TV, also.

Thank you ever so much, and good luck.

Sincerely,

Janice S. Rainwater

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To The Honorable Reed Hundt,

As a mother and active member of The National Association for Family and Community Education, I am writing to you to express my concern for children's television programming.

I have three small children under the age of seven and daytime programming for this age level is minimal. Thank goodness for the Public Broadcasting Station in my area and for the fact that Disney is broadcasted free with my cable. All the other stations (Fox, ABC, NBC and CBS) have absolutely NO educational programs for their age level. I find them watching shows that are geared to a higher age level and they are receiving information that I feel they are not ready for.

Our school has started a program called COVAC which stands for Crusaders Opposing Violence And Crime. This program is trying to encourage children AWAY from the TV and into habits that instill positive behavior. Why do you suppose there is this need???? It is a shame that a powerful media like the television can not be used to benefit our children's education.

Please consider my letter as a request to strengthen the guidelines for the Children's Television Act of 1990 so that the T.V., which is already on, may be used constructively and not as a lesson in violence and crime.

Sincerely,

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The National Association for Family Education Volunteer Organization has been working to improve television programming for children.

Children need special consideration. They are this country's future. DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL

There is a tremendous potential for educational use of television.

A survey conducted by NAFCE shows there is a need for programs for 7-15 year age group. A few excellent programs have been developed as a result of the Children television

act for pre-school group. We appreciate your efforts and urge you to expand the good work and eliminate sex, violence

and dirty language in prime time television.

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Yours Truly

Sally Christensen

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